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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SUSPENDS ELECTRONIC FILING FOR THE BROADBAND LICENSING SYSTEM ON OCTOBER 11, 2002

This suspension affects licensees and applicants in the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) and the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS).

Effective October 11, 2002, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) will suspend electronic filing in the Broadband Licensing System (BLS). BLS is the repository of licensing data for the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) and the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS). Additionally, BLS is used by applicants to electronically file applications to operate facilities in the ITFS and MDS services. Administration of these services was recently transferred to the Bureau as a result of the Commission's reorganization.¹

The Bureau is taking this action to improve the integrity of data in the BLS, prepare for converting the ITFS and MDS services to the Universal Licensing System, and facilitate future enhancements to electronic filing. Accordingly, the Bureau seeks to ensure information in the database is accurate, current and in a consistent format as well as improve the electronic filing process for users of the database.

As of October 11, 2002, all ITFS and MDS application filings must be submitted to the Commission in paper format. Specifically, this suspension includes, but is not limited to, applications submitted on the following forms:

- FCC Form 304 (*Application for MDS Authorization*)
- FCC Form 304-A (*Certification of Completion of Construction for MDS*)
- FCC Form 305 (*Application for Assignment of a MDS Authorization*)
- FCC Form 306 (*Application for Transfer of Control of a MDS Authorization*)
- FCC Form 330 (*Application for Authorization to Construct New or Make Changes in an ITFS and/or Response Station(s)*)
- FCC Form 330-A (*Certification of Completion of Construction for an ITFS Station*)
- FCC Form 330-R (*Application for Renewal of ITFS and/or Response Station(s) and Low Power Relay Station(s) License*)
- FCC Form 331 (*Application for MDS or ITFS Modification to Main Station, Booster Station, Response Station Hub or 125 kHz (I Channel) Station*)
- FCC Form 405 (*Application for Renewal of Radio Station License in Specified Services*)

¹ Radio Services Are Transferred From Mass-Media Bureau to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, *Public Notice*, 17 FCC Rcd 5077 (2002).

- FCC Form 430 (*Licensee Qualification Report*)²
- FCC Form 701 (*Application for Extension of Time to Construct a Radio Station*)

In addition, letter requests for an Extension of Time to Construct an ITFS Station or for Special Temporary Authority must continue to be filed via paper at the addresses indicated below.

ITFS/MDS Requirements and FCC Registration Number Requirements

Any entity conducting business or filing applications with the Commission must have a valid FCC Registration Number (FRN).³ An applicant must include its FRN on any application (including letters submitted in lieu of applications) submitted to the Commission.⁴ Any application received without an FRN could be subject to return or dismissal.⁵ Except as provided in Section 1.8004(d) of the Commission's Rules or in other Commission rules, the date that a resubmitted application is received at the Commission with a valid FRN will be considered the official filing date.⁶ To obtain an FRN electronically, a user must register in CORES at <https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/CoresHome.html>. To obtain an FRN manually, a FCC Form 160 must be submitted to the Commission. If you do not have access to your FRN, contact the Commission Registration System (CORES) Help Desk by phone at (877) 480-3201, or by email CORES@fcc.gov.

Application Forms

To obtain a current copy of the FCC Forms for ITFS and MDS or FCC Form 160, visit the FCC forms page on the World Wide Web, <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>, or request paper copies of FCC Forms from the FCC Forms Distribution Center by telephone at (800) 418-3676.

Non-Feeable Applications

Completed non-feeable application packages and letter filings should be sent to the Commission at one of the following addresses:

Postal Mail Only

Federal Communications Commission
Attention: BLS
1270 Fairfield Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

² Electronic filing for FCC Form 430 was previously suspended. *See* Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to Temporarily Suspend Electronic Filing of FCC Form 430 Via the Broadband Licensing System, *Public Notice*, DA 02-1410 (WTB rel. Jun. 14, 2002).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.8002.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.8003.

⁵ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.8004(b).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.8004(c).

Overnight mail couriers, hand-delivered, or messenger-delivered applications ONLY

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Attention: BLS

1120 Fairfield Road

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Feeable Applications

For applications requiring a fee, the application package, payment, and FCC Form 159 should be sent to one of the following addresses:

Postal Mail Only

Federal Communications Commission

Wireless Bureau Applications

P.O. Box 358130

Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5130

Feeable overnight mail couriers, hand-delivered, or messenger-delivered applications ONLY

Federal Communications Commission

C/o Mellon Client Service Center

500 Ross Street, Room 670

Pittsburg, PA 15262-0001

Attention: FCC Module Supervisor

This address is for hand or courier delivery only. DO NOT use this address for mailing applications. When using this address, enclose the application package in an inner envelope marked with the Post Office Box number 358130.

Contact Information for ITFS/MDS Filing Questions

Questions about MDS/ITFS filing may be directed to the FCC, by calling (888)

CALL-FCC (225-5322).

Contact Information for ITFS/MDS Licensing and Service Rules

For all inquiries relating to ITFS or MDS licensing and service rules, contact John J. Schauble, Chief, Policy and Rules Branch, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0680.

FCC Point of Contact

Any questions related to this Public Notice should be directed to Elizabeth Miller at (717) 338-2520.

By the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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